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November 12, 1982

Mr. David Hird
Room 1534
Environmental Enforcement Section
Land & Natural Resources Division
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Re: U.S.A. v. Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation

Dear Mr. Hird:

This will confirm this afternoon's telephone conversation in which I requested that you consider procedures designed to expedite our ability to obtain information needed by ERT in connection with its proposed comprehensive solution report regarding the St. Louis Park site. The general areas in which ERT needs information promptly are as follows:

1. Groundwater modeling done by the USGS.
2. Data gathered by Professor Pfannkuch regarding the adsorption of PAH on soils.

ERT advises that it will be difficult to meet the December 31 deadline which we have imposed unless they are able to obtain this information next week. John Ryan of ERT will be in Minneapolis on Tuesday of next week for other purposes, and would like very much to visit with Professor Pfannkuch, if this is acceptable to the Department of Justice and if Professor Pfannkuch is available at that time. Although you have previously asked us to submit written questions to you reflecting the information that is desired from USGS, I respectfully request that you consider the possibility of permitting ERT to meet with the USGS. If it is desirable, perhaps a member of your staff or a person from EPA Region V could be present at that meeting. I would appreciate it if you could call me Monday concerning this request.

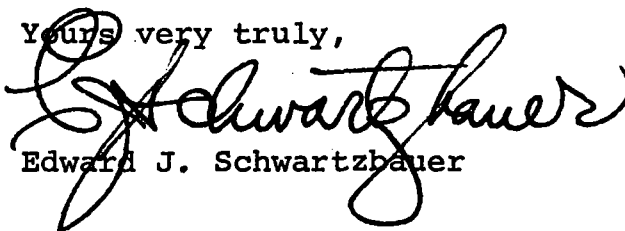
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In the meanwhile, I am herewith enclosing for you a copy of Bill Gregg's letter to Becky Comstock dated November 10, 1982, received today. This letter sets forth the specific request that ERT would like to make to the USGS.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Schwartzbauer", written over the typed name.

Edward J. Schwartzbauer

EJS:ml
Enclosure

cc: All Attorneys of Record